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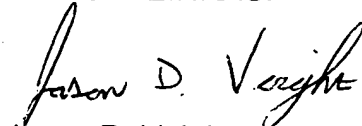
Claims 1-2, 4-7 and 12-13 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP773,246. Claims 1, 6 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Reiners. Claims 3-5, 7 and 13 are objected to only for depending on rejected claims. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of previous claim 3, thereby overcoming these rejections.

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Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A crosslinked, water-soluble or water-dispersible polyurethane of
- A) at least one water-soluble or water-dispersible polyurethane prepolymer containing terminal isocyanate groups of
- a) at least one compound having a molecular weight in the range from 56 to 300 which contains two active hydrogen atoms per molecule,
 - b) at least one polymer containing two active hydrogen atoms per molecule,
 - c) at least one compound which contains two active hydrogens and at least one ionogenic or ionic group per molecule,
 - d) at least one diisocyanate,
- B) at least one polymer containing groups which are reactive towards isocyanate groups, chosen from hydroxyl, and primary and secondary amino and/or carboxyl groups,
- or a salt thereof.

where the polymer B) comprises, in copolymerized form,

- e) at least one α,β -ethylenically unsaturated monomer which additionally contains at least one group which is reactive toward isocyanate groups per molecule.
- f) optionally at least one α,β -ethylenically unsaturated monomer which is

chosen from esters of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated mono- and/or dicarboxylic acids with C_1 - C_{22} -alkanols, amides of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated mono- and/or dicarboxylic acids with mono- and di- C_1 - to C_{22} -alkylamines, esters of vinyl alcohol and allyl alcohol with C_1 - to C_{40} -monocarboxylic acids, vinyl ethers, aromatic vinyl compounds, vinyl halides, vinylidene halides, C_2 - to C_8 -monoolefins, nonaromatic hydrocarbons having at least 2 conjugated double bonds and mixtures thereof.

- g) optionally at least one α,β -ethylenically unsaturated monomer which is chosen from N-vinylamides, N-vinyl lactams, primary amides of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated monocarboxylic acids, vinyl- and allyl-substituted heteroaromatic compounds and mixtures thereof.
- h) optionally at least one further monomer containing a free-radically polymerizable, α,β -ethylenically unsaturated double bond and at least one ionogenic group per molecule.

4. (amended) A polyurethane as claimed in claim [3] 1, where the polymer B) comprises, in copolymerized form,

- from 0.05 to 15% by weight of at least one component e),
- from 0 to 99.9% by weight of at least one component f),
- from 0 to 99.9% by weight of at least one component g), and
- from 0 to 50% by weight of at least one component h)

the total amount of components f) and g) being in a range from 30 to 99.9% by weight.

5. (amended) A polyurethane as claimed in claim [3] 1, where the component e) is an ester of acrylic acid or methacrylic acid with a C₂- to C₁₂-aminoalcohol, where the amine nitrogen may additionally carry a C₁- to C₈-alkyl radical.

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